SWOCC, Levitt may negotiate differences

A federal case pitting one public access cable television host against the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission was voluntarily dismissed and refiled in the state court system.

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Todd Levitt, a 36-year-old Farmington Hills resident and attorney, filed suit claiming his First Amendment rights had been violated after SWOCC informed him he had broken the cable studie's rules. The Todd Levitt Show, a satirical comedy about the legal system, has been on the air since 1999.

It ran afoul of the system when Lovitt hosted a wine-tasting, in an attempt to raise money for HAVEN, a women's shelter. SWOCC's policies don't allow alcohol or drugs on the premises.

While Levitt's show continues to be broadcast, SWOCC attor-ney John Donohue said, he won't be able to use the studio until the issue is resolved. Levitt said SWOCC asked to pre-screen his

next six cable shows before they air.

Levitt's attorney, Stephen Taylor, said his client felt state court was a more appropriate venue for the suit, since it was really a local issue.

"If you're in federal court, it's more distant," Taylor said.
"State court moves at a more leisurely pace."

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While a new court date hasn't been set, the parties are talking, he added. "We have opened up discussions. My client definitely intends to vindicate his First Amendment rights. We're not interested in any kind of accommodation where my client has to give up his rights."

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Taylor doesn't hold out high hopes for a settlement. Donohue said he can't speculate, because he's not sure what Levitt wants. Their differing views on what's at stake could make the point most

"We don't think it's a First Amendment case," he commented. "We think it really has to do with following procedures."

MILITARY NEWS

Army Reserve Specialist Opeyemi-Amese Ajani has grad-uated from basic combat train-ing at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the training, the sol-dier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony,

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Mercy High School student, Renata Bankowski and Mercy chemistry teacher Kathy Kitzmann each received awards at the 52nd Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held May 7-12 in San Hose, Colif.

More than 1,200 students from 38 different countries competed in the fair which is considered the 'Olympics of Science Competition."

Bankowski, a Redford resident, received the following awards:

In Third place from the American Psychological Association—\$250 certificate.

Third place from Showboard, Inc. for the best use of scientific method on a project display board—\$50 certificate.

Fourth Place Grand Award in the category of Behavioral Science—\$500 certificate.

Of the 11 students who attended the Science Fair from the Detroit area, Bankowski was the only student to receive a Grand Award and the only student to receive a Grand Study of Cognitive Language Skills of Early Billinguals and Monolinguals.

Kitzmann, chemistry teach

Skills of Early Bilinguals and Monolinguals.
Kitzmann, a chemistry teacher at Mercy High School and also a Redford resident, was a recipient of the Intel Excellence in Teaching Award given at the 52nd Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
Seven teachers who best demonstrate the ideals of excellence in science education are recognized each year.
Kitzmann will receive \$5,000 and a high-end, state-of-the-art mobile computer with an Intel Pentium III processor.

Northwestern rebuild meeting slated

By Dan West Staff Writer

Plans for the renovation and reconstruction of Northwestern Highway, 14 Mile, Orchard Lake and Maple roads are nearing

completion.

While no orange barrels will appear for at least another three years, the beginning of the long-awaited project appears to be in

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The next step takes place
Thursday, May 31, with a fourhour informational session at
the West Bloomfield Parks and
Recreation Building. Beginning
at 4 p.m., the public is invited to
review plans and talk with local
authorities and designers of the
Northwestern Expansion Proiect.

ject.
The project has been under discussion for years by a steering committee which includes representatives from West Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, the Michigan Depart-

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The committee is focused on plan that would transform the three-way intersection of 14 Mile, Northwestern and Orchard Lake into a roundabout, a European innovation where motorists move through a loop before exiting onto the road they want.

Plans also call for 14 Mile to expand into a three-lane highway, providing a left-turn lane from the roundabout and Maple to expand to six lanes with a traffic island that would discontinue regular left turns on the road; and Maple between Orchard Lake between the roundabout and Maple to expand to six lanes with a traffic island that would discontinue regular left turns on the road; and Maple between Orchard Lake and M-5 to grow into a four-lane highway.

"Construction would be done in phases and it would take years to complete," said West Bloomfield Supervisor David Flaisher.

The steering committee, Flaisher added, will discuss the

Former mayor honored on WWII monument

marching, frue marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, mili-tary courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Ajani is the brother of Moses Olaniran of Farmington.

Look for former Farmington Hills Mayor and Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi's name on the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.
Lt. Col. Ken Murray of the Civil Air Force, beatowed the honor on Vagnozzi Wednesday, following the FarmingtonFarmington Hills Democratic Club candidate forum.
Though this presentation wasn't captured on tape, Vagnozzi, a

longtime Democrat, received congratulations from those who came to watch the school board debate, held in the Farmington Allis council chamber.

Murray received Vagnozzi's certification this week. The project endeavors to include the names of World War II veterans on a permanent memorial honoring their service.

"We're losing them at about 1,000 a month," Murray said.
"Ver's posing them at about 1,000 a month," Murray said.
"It's pretty frightening, and I wanted to get Aldo on there."

Vagnozzi started with the U.S.



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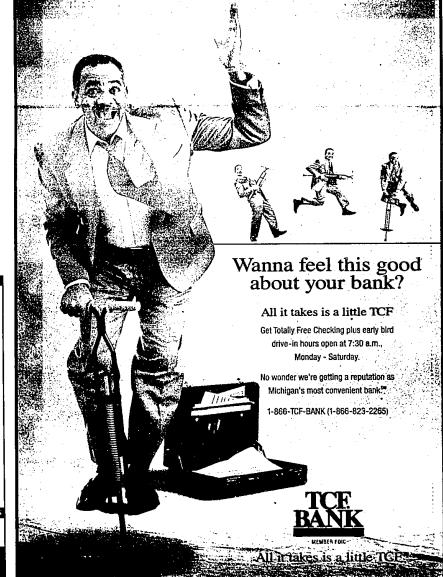
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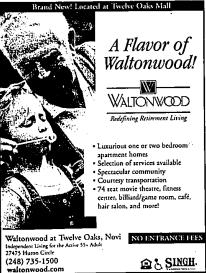
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